(THE HON'BLE SRI K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY).

23 K. V. Lingappa, Malleswaram.
24 Muniamma, Akkipet, Bangalore.
25 Syed Imam, Mysore.
26 P. N. Desai, Bharat Paint Syndicate, Bangalore.
27 B. T. Ranganath, Depot Manager, Yeswanthpur.
28 Gowri Shankar Reddy, Depot Manager, Devarajeevanahalli.
29 Syed Imam, Mysore.
30 C R Prabhanna, Hardware Merchant, Tumkur.
31 S D Ramiah, Petrol Bunk, Seshadri Road, Bangalore City.

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**Fall in the price of the Cocoon Market and Control.**

*Q.*—249. Sri. D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fall in the price of the cocoon market ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that on account of this sudden fall in the price several thousands of families in the Mysore District have been ruined ;

(*c*) whether they consider it very important and urgent to control the price of the cocoons ?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has adversely affected cocoon rearers.

(*c*) Suitable action is being proposed in this matter.

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**Alleged Supersessions in Chikmagalur District Office.**

*Q.*—263. Sri L. H. THIMMA BOI (Chikmagalur District — Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that in Chikmagalur District Office Non-Brahmin Officers and Clerks of lower grade have been superseded by Brahmin Officers for the last two years though they are too junior ;

(*b*) the grounds on which they were superseded ?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) and (*b*) There have been no such instances in the District Office, Chikmagalur.

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**Afforestation Scheme.**

*Q.*—264. Sri L. H. THIMMA BOI (Chikmagalur District — Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) their scheme to effect afforestation in the State ;

(*b*) the quantity of fuel expected in an acre of fuel plantation and also the cost incurred per acre from the time of plantation to the time of cutting ;

(*c*) whether working is carried out as per Working Plan Officer's recommendations ;

(*d*) the area of plantations made during the past four years and the amount spent each year ;

(*e*) the fuel consumption of the State, and the scheme adopted to meet the demand ?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The Forest Department is attending to the conservation and regeneration of existing forests and also to the raising of new plantations in areas where the proportion of forest land is not adequate. A scheme for afforestation of maidan parts has been sanctioned and this forms part of the Five-year Plan.

(*b*) Quantity of fuel expected varies from 10 to 25 tons per acre. The cost ranges from about Rs. 55 to 75 per acre.